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EXPORT OF MANGOES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with United States of America (USA) for exporting Indian mangoes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions and the total quantity of mangoes exported during each of the last three years;

(c) whether Indian Government has organized a mango festival in USA recently,

(d) if so, the details of varieties of mangoes including most popular varieties of mangoes included in the said festival, State-wise;

(e) whether the export of mangoes to USA has given boost to Indian farmers to enter the biggest fruits market in the world;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the export of mangoes to USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The United State of America (USA) has allowed the import of Indian mangoes irradiated at 400 Gy dose to mitigate mango stone weevil. The irradiation facility was approved on April 26, 2007 by United States-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (US-APHIS). The first consignment of mangoes was dispatched to the United States on April 27, 2007. There was accordingly no export of mangoes to USA in last 3 financial year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) &(f)Opening up of the US market for Indian mangoes affords greater opportunities for the Indian mango growers.

(g) APEDA has initiated various of measures to increase export of mangoes to the USA. These include;

i. Organisation of a Mango Promotion Campaign, in USA in June, 2007, interaction between importers and exporter, dissemination of information and promotion of Indian mangoes through participation in various exhibitions in USA.

ii. Upgradation of irradiation facility of Lasalgaon, Nasik

iii. Preparation and dissemination of Standard Operation Procedure documents (SOP`s) for irradiation facility for treatment of mangoes.

iv. Preparation and dissemination SOP`s for pack houses for backward and forward linkages.

v. Imparting trainings to the identified orchards at par to the Eurepgap standards for acceptance of the fruits for exports to the US.

vi. Develop guidelines based on the protocol agreed between the two countries.